

Senate File 2221 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC
GROWTH

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 2085)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act extending the time period for designating enterprise
2 zones and including effective date provisions.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 15E.192, subsection 3, Code 2009, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 3. A city may create an economic development enterprise zone
4 as authorized in this division, subject to certification by the
5 department of economic development, by designating up to four
6 square miles of the city for that purpose. In order for an
7 enterprise zone to be certified pursuant to this subsection,
8 an enterprise zone shall meet the distress criteria provided
9 in section 15E.194, subsection 3. Section 15E.194, subsection
10 2, shall not apply to an enterprise zone certified pursuant to
11 this subsection. For the fiscal period beginning July 1, 2007,
12 and ending June 30, ~~2010~~ 2012, each fiscal year a cumulative
13 total of not more than twenty-five million dollars worth of
14 incentives and assistance under section 15E.196, subsections
15 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6, shall be awarded to eligible businesses
16 that apply to an enterprise zone commission for incentives and
17 assistance during that fiscal year and that are located in an
18 enterprise zone certified pursuant to this subsection. For
19 purposes of this subsection and section 15E.194, subsection 3,
20 "city" means a city that includes at least three census tracts,
21 as determined in the most recent federal census.

22 Sec. 2. Section 15E.192, subsection 4, paragraph b, Code
23 2009, is amended to read as follows:

24 b. A county or city may apply to the department for an area
25 to be certified as an enterprise zone at any time prior to July
26 1, ~~2010~~ 2012. However, the total amount of land designated as
27 enterprise zones under subsection 1, and any other enterprise
28 zones certified by the department, excluding those approved
29 pursuant to subsection 2 and section 15E.194, subsections 3 and
30 5, shall not exceed in the aggregate one percent of the total
31 county area.

32 Sec. 3. Section 15E.194, subsection 5, paragraph a, Code
33 2009, is amended to read as follows:

34 a. A city of any size or any county may designate an
35 enterprise zone at any time prior to July 1, ~~2010~~ 2012, when

1 a business closure or permanent layoff occurs. The business
2 closure or permanent layoff must involve the loss of full-time
3 employees, not including retail employees, at one place of
4 business totaling at least one thousand employees or four
5 percent or more of the county's resident labor force based on
6 the most recent annual resident labor force statistics from
7 the department of workforce development, whichever is lower.
8 A permanent layoff does not include a layoff of seasonal
9 employees or a layoff that is seasonal in nature. For purposes
10 of this paragraph, "*permanent layoff*" means the loss of jobs
11 to an out-of-state location, the cessation of one or more
12 production lines, the removal of manufacturing machinery and
13 equipment, or similar actions determined to be equivalent
14 in nature by the department. A permanent layoff must occur
15 on or after February 1, 2007. The enterprise zone may be
16 established on the property of the place of business that has
17 closed or imposed a permanent layoff and the enterprise zone
18 may include an area up to an additional three miles adjacent to
19 the property. The area meeting the requirements for enterprise
20 zone eligibility under this subsection shall not be included
21 for the purpose of determining the area limitation pursuant
22 to section 15E.192, subsection 4. The closing business or
23 business creating a permanent layoff shall not be eligible
24 to receive incentives or assistance under this division.
25 An eligible housing business under section 15E.193B shall
26 not receive incentives or assistance for a home or multiple
27 dwelling unit built or rehabilitated in an enterprise zone
28 designated pursuant to this subsection.

29 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of
30 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

31 EXPLANATION

32 Code sections 15E.192 and 15E.194 currently allow cities and
33 counties to designate an enterprise zone at any time prior to
34 July 1, 2010, for various purposes or if certain criteria are
35 met. This bill extends that date by two years, allowing cities

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1 and counties to designate enterprise zones at any time prior to
2 July 1, 2012.

3 The bill also extends by two years the fiscal period for
4 which financial assistance may be provided to enterprise zones.